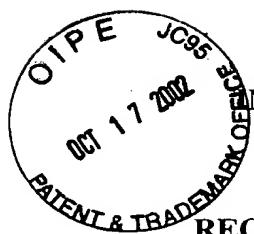


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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the following application:

Application

Application Serial No:	09/690,409
Filed on:	October 17, 2000
Inventors:	Hans-Peter Wild and Eberhard Kraft
Title:	Apparatus for Applying Drinking Straws
Art Unit:	3721
Examiner:	Thanh K. Truong
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**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on date of amendment/reply.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- iii. ☐ Other .
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other .

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of        months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other .

**3. Fees**


- a. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a)
- iii. ☐ Other .
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$740.00 enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.  
A copy of this request is enclosed.

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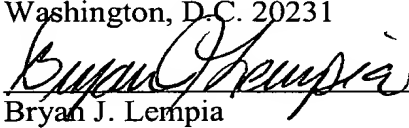
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final action that was mailed on July 11, 2002. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This paper is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following new claim 5:

5. An apparatus for applying drinking straws to receiving surfaces of stand up bags, the stand up bags having a bottom surface, a top end, and at least two opposite side surfaces interconnecting the bottom surface and the top end, the apparatus comprising:
- a conveyor surface for conveying the stand up bags; and
  - a transfer means constructed and arranged for transferring the drinking straws onto the stand up bags,

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